

Amendments to the Specification

IN THE TITLE

Please change USPTO records to indicate that the title to be used in this application is **BUTT WELDING APPARATUS AND BUTT WELDING METHOD**, which title coincides with the title appearing in the English translation of the specification.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Attached hereto is a replacement Abstract with markings to show amendments.

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace the Specification with the clean copy of the Specification enclosed herewith. No new matter is entered thereby. A marked-up version is also enclosed.